

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

-- 16. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the CPU communicates with the firmware hub recovery module only via the LPC bus.

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before booting the computer, sending an identification from the CPU for a desired booting firmware hub over the LPC bus; and
recognizing the firmware hub recovery module as the booting firmware hub in accordance with the identification sent from the CPU.

18. (New) The system according to claim 8, wherein the CPU communicates with the firmware hub recovery module only via the LPC bus.

19. (New) The system according to claim 8, wherein the CPU is adapted to send an identification for the booting firmware hub over the LPC bus, and wherein the firmware hub recovery module is enabled as the booting firmware hub in accordance with the identification sent from the CPU.

20. (New) The system according to claim 8, further comprising:
CPU interface logic connected to the CPU by a CPU interface bus;
main memory connected to the CPU interface logic by a memory interface bus;
a system bus interface controller connected to the CPU interface logic by a system expansion bus; and
at least one peripheral connector connected to the system bus interface controller by a peripheral expansion bus,
wherein the LPC bus provides connections between the firmware hub recovery module and the system bus interface controller.

21. (New) The firmware recovery hub module according to claim 14, wherein the firmware hub module communicates with the CPU only via the LPC bus.

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22. (New) The firmware recovery hub module according to claim 14, wherein the CPU is adapted to send an identification for the booting firmware hub over the LPC bus, and wherein the firmware hub module is adapted to function as the booting firmware hub in accordance with the identification sent from the CPU. --
